Rail Accidents

3291. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of railway accidents which took plac$_e$ after the 16th February, 1989 so far this year; and

(b) thg loss of life and property as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV BAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There were [42] train accidents, including 29 to goods trains, on the Indian Railways during the period 16.2.1989 to 15.3.1989. 31 Persons lost their lives i$_n$ these accidents and damage to railway property was estimated $_a$t Rs. 91 lakh$_s$ approximately.

Coal Jetty at Tuticorin Port

3292. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANS PORT be pleased to state;

(a) what is th$_e$ capacity of present coal jetty at Tuticorin Port;

(b) whether there is an$_v$ proposal to construct another coal jetty at Tuticori$_n$ Port;

(c) what would be its capacity;

(d) what would be its estimated cost; and

(e) by whe$_n$ H is expected to be commissioned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT); (a) The designed capacity of the existing coal jetty at Tuticorin Port is 2.25 million tonnes per year (MTPA).

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(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The capacity of the second coal jetty would be 2.5 MTPA.

(d) According to the Feasibility Report prepared by Tuticorin Port Trust in June, 1988 the estimated cost i$_s$ approximately R$_s$. 10 crores.

(e) Th$_e$ Jetty would b$_e$ completed within four year$_s$ from the date of sanction.

Commissioning of Tuticorin Airport

3293. SHRi V. GOPALSAMY; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) what is the area of land required for Tuticori$_n$ Airport;

(b) what area of land h$_{as}$ since been acquired and, whether the same ha$_s$ been taken over hy the National Airports Authority of India;

(c) what would be the length of the runway of the Airport and what types of Aircraft would b$_e$ able to land;

(d) whether the night landing facility would b$_e$ made available at the Airport;

(e) what would be the estimated cost of th$_e$ Airport; and

(f) what fund$_s$ hav$_e$ bee$_n$ allotted so far and by when th$_e$ Airport is expected to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CrVTL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIV-RAJ PATIL); (a) About 180 acres.

(b) 180 acres of land has been handed ove$_r$ to the National Airports Authority.

(c) The dimensions of the runway would be 4500' x 100' and it will be suitable for Avro type of aircraft operation.

(d) No, Sir.